Agriculture Universities

3610. SHRI SOHAN BEER : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of agriculture universities functioning in the country;

(b) the details of the benefits reaped by the farmers from the research and development works carried out in these Universities;

(c) whether the Government propose to open some more Central Agriculture Universities in the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) There are 33 Agricultural Universities functioning in the Country as detailed below :

State Agril. Universities	28
Central Agril. Universities	1
Deemed to be Universities	4

(b) The universities have mandate to generate site specific technologies suited to the agro climate of the state where they are situated. They are supported in these activities through the All India Coordinated Research Projects in different crops, soil related problems, nutrient management, crop production and protection.

A large number of improved varieties have been developed by the Universities in food crops, pulses, oil seeds crops, vegetables & horticulture crops. Similarly, technologies have been developed for efficient cropping system for irrigated areas of different agro ecological regions. For example, pearl, millet - wheat - cowpea (fodder) in Western Haryana, caster-pearlmillet in North Gujarat, rice, gobhi sarson - mung bean in Punjab, pearl-millet, mustard, sunflower in South Central Uttar Pradesh, rice wheat, sorghum and cowpea (fodder) in Eastern Uttar Pradesh, soybean, wheat, mungbean in Madhya Pradesh, rice, mustard in Chhatisgarh region, cotton-gram and sorghum - wheat in Rewa region, cotton-gram and sorghum-wheat in Vidharbha region of Maharashtra, cotton-groundnut and sorghum-sunflower-groundnut in Marathwada region, pigeonpea - wheat in western Maharashtra, rice - maize - mungbean in Telangana region of Andhra Pradesh, maize-fingermillet in Bhadra command area of Karnataka, rice-mustard-groundnut in Hirakud command area of Orissa, rice-groundnut-cowpea in soyabean - rice - groundnut and groundnut-rice-sesame in Thanjavur delta of Tamil Nadu.

The farmers have been greatly benefitted by the training imparted to them by the Universities and Krishi Vigyan Kendras. During 1995-96, 6717 training and 2174 extension programmes have been conducted. These benefitted over 1.40 lakhs and over 2.18 lakhs farmers respectively. They were exposed to the recent developed technologies. Thus, farmers have been benefitted by achieving higher yields and better returns.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise in view of answer at (c) above.

[English]

Development of Animal Husbandry

3611. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat and other States have submitted proposals for the development of animal husbandry in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Polluting Industries

3612. DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR :
SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether bone and leather industries' pollution is on the increase in Ghaziabad and Unnao districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the tanneries of Kanpur are being shifted on the agriculture land in Unnao district;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to shift the said industries out of the populated area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.